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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 20, 2008 in which claims 10-12 and 15-19 were subjected to restriction. The applicant elects to prosecute **Group I** (*i.e.*, claims 10, 12, 15, 16, and 18-19 drawn to a method of using a mannan-containing natural material to prepare 3% by weight of a portion of β -1,4-mannobiose-containing composition). Entry and consideration of the amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.